

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable information processing apparatus comprising:

    a first movable part;

    a second movable part, the first movable part and the second movable part being connected so as to be mutually angularly displaceable, from a closed condition where the movable parts are opposed to each other to an open condition where areas of the first and second movable parts opposed in the closed condition are exposed to the outside;

    an inner operation section for entering predetermined information, the inner operation section being provided in an area of the second movable part opposed to the first movable part in a closed condition where the first and second movable parts are opposed to each other;

    an inner display for displaying a predetermined display content in response to predetermined information entered from the inner operation section, the inner display being provided in an area of the first movable part opposed to the second movable part in a closed condition where the first and second movable parts are opposed to each other;

    an outer display for displaying a predetermined

display content, the outer display being provided in an area exposed to the outside, of at least one of the first movable part and second movable part in a closed condition where the first and second movable parts are opposed to each other; and

an outer operation section for entering predetermined information on the predetermined display content displayed on the outer display, the outer operation section being provided in an area other than the exposed area of at least one of the first and second movable parts whichever comes behind the outer display in a closed condition where the first and second movable parts are opposed to each other.

2. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

an imaging section disposed on the exposed area, for shooting an image in response to predetermined information entered from one of the inner operation section and the outer operation section, the imaging section being provided facing the same side as the side where the display face of the outer display faces,

wherein an image shot with the imaging section is displayed on at least one of the inner display and the outer display corresponding to one of the inner operation

section and the outer operation section from which the predetermined information used to shoot an image with the imaging section was entered.

3. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

a condition detector for detecting a closed condition and an open condition of the first and second movable parts,

wherein the inner operation section is activated and the outer operation section is deactivated in case the first and second movable parts are in an open condition and the inner operation section is deactivated and the outer operation section is activated in case the first and second movable parts are in a closed condition.

4. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1, wherein at least one of the inner operation section and the outer operation section includes an operation selector for activating one of the inner operation section and the outer operation section and deactivating the other one of the inner operation section and the outer operation section.

5. The portable information processing apparatus of

claim 3, wherein the condition detector comprises:

    a discrete contact section where one set of discrete contacts and another set of discrete contacts formed in the shape of comb teeth are formed in engagement while spaced from each other in a substrate face direction; and

    a common contact section for mutually providing electric connection between the discrete contacts in a closed condition where the first and second movable parts are opposed to each other or in an open condition where the areas opposed in the closed condition are exposed to the outside.

6. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:

    an externally oriented imaging section provided in the exposed area; and

    a controller for causing the imaging section to shoot an image in response to predetermined information entered from one of the inner operation section and the outer operation section and displaying the image shot by the imaging section on at least one of the inner display and the outer display corresponding to one of the inner operation section and the outer operation section from which the predetermined information was entered.

7. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 6, wherein the controller sets the outer operation section to a command input function capable of inputting a command related to photographing, while displaying the image shot by the imaging section on the outer display.

8. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 6, wherein the controller displays a plurality of function display buttons for setting a desired function selected from among a plurality of functions related to photographing on one of the inner display and the outer display, and

a plurality of function setting operation buttons corresponding to the plurality of function display buttons are respectively provided in the inner operation section and the outer operation section.

9. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 7, wherein the controller displays a plurality of function display buttons for setting a desired function selected from among a plurality of functions related to photographing on one of the inner display and the outer display, and

a plurality of function setting operation buttons

corresponding to the plurality of function display buttons are respectively provided in the inner operation section and the outer operation section.

10. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 8, wherein the controller displays the function setting display buttons on the outer display in a state where settable functions are restricted in comparison with the plurality of function display buttons displayed on the inner display.

11. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 8, further comprising:

    a setting information storage section for storing information set with the function setting operation button.

12. The portable information processing apparatus of claim 10, further comprising:

    a setting information storage section for storing information set with the function setting operation button.